

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's annual observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month allows us to reflect upon and consider the potential possessed by Wisconsin citizens with disabilities who currently serve in our workforce, as well as those who are ready and willing to join the workforce; and

WHEREAS President Obama has established the theme for the 2009 observance as "Expectation + Opportunity = Full Participation"; and

WHEREAS Wisconsin's 21st century economy depends on a diverse workforce that includes highly trained people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and take appreciative note of the commitment of people with disabilities to Wisconsin and its continued prosperity; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the important role of Wisconsin's employers, with their progressive employment practices for people with disabilities, in making Wisconsin a state that values the contributions of all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, innovative programs have been proposed that will allow even more people with disabilities to join Wisconsin's workforce and experience greater economic self-sufficiency and community inclusion,

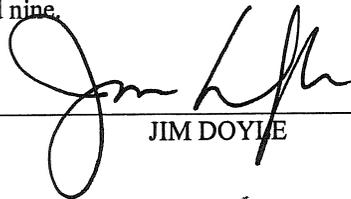
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim **October 2009** as

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

Believing that we can no longer accept the continued existence of barriers, whether physical or social, that unreasonably prevent people with disabilities from full integration into our communities, I call on government leaders, labor leaders and employers to collaborate to ensure the full inclusion of people with disabilities in the workforce, thereby helping them realize their goals through meaningful and successful employment.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty eighth day of September in the year two thousand nine.


JIM DOYLE

By the Governor


DOUGLAS A. FOLLETTE
Secretary of State